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Re : RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED SEPTEMBER 30, 2003

Serial No. 09/889,711 - Filed July 18, 2001
Our Ref : SYP-159

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Comments/Notes:

Dear Examiner Naff:

Attached is a response to be filed in connection with the referenced Office Action.

Also attached is a Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 CFR 1.136(a).

I look forward to discussing this response with you should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Andrew T. Karnakis

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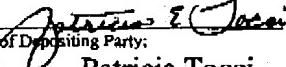
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on September 30, 2003 (the "Office Action") in connection with the above-identified patent application, Applicants submit this Amendment and Response. Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

A petition and appropriate fee for a one-month extension of time, up to and including January 30, 2004, are submitted herewith. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6.